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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM VISIT TO DAMASCUS

1. SOURCE AT FRENCH EMBASSY TOLD EMBOFF MAY 24 OF REPORT HE HAD FROM FRENCH UN DELEGATION. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, AFTER SYG WALDHEIM MET WITH ALLAF RECENTLY HE DRAFTED LETTER TO SYRIANS ABOUT UNDOF MANDATE EXTENSION. HE RECEIVED WORD BACK FROM PRES. ASAD THAT LETTER WOULD NOT SUFFICE AND THAT HIS PRESENCE IN SYRIA WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO SARG AGREEMENT TO EXTEND UNDOF. WALDHEIM RECEIVED GENERAL SYRIAN ASSURANCES THAT MANDATE WOULD BE EXTENDED, BUT SOURCE MENTIONED THAT ASSURANCES WERE NOT EXPLICIT REGARDING EITHER DURATION OF EXTENSION OR POSSIBLE POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

2. SOURCE STATED SYG WOULD DEPART NEW YORK EVENING MAY 25, ARRIVE DAMASCUS MAY 26, AND RETURN TO NEW YORK MAY 27 PRIOR TO OPENING OF UNDOF SC DEBATE MAY 28. SOURCE CONFIRMED WALDHEIM DID NOT INTEND VISIT ISRAEL AND THAT ISRAELIS UNHAPPY WITH SYG'S TRIP TO AREA.

3. COMMENT: SUGGESTION THAT WALDHEIM TOLD BY SYRIANS
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HIS PRESENCE REQUIRED IN SYRIA DIFFERS FROM OTHER REPORTS

WE HAVE READ ABOUT WALDHEIM'S VISIT.
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